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Applicant : Ryan Likeke Naone
Application No. : 09/996,009
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Title : LOW ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE
N-TYPE MIRROR FOR
OPTOELECTRONIC DEVICES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, at line 12, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" add the following paragraph:

This application contains subject matter that is related to co-pending patent Application No. 10/122,707, filed April 11, 2002.

REMARKS

Applicant is filing herewith a number of references cited in a co-pending, commonly owned, U.S. Patent application. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims currently pending in this case

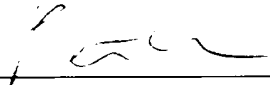
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are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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